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and hence the cover plate 10, collar 8 and pressing die 4. A press (not shown) presses down on the cover plate 10 to urge the die 4 downwards against the force of the spring

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4-5, without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 1-2, and add new claims 7-8, as follows:

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1 (Once Amended) A feed head, comprising: a pressing station; and a delivery path along which nuts are fed to the pressing station in the feed head, the pressing station including a pressing die which is reciprocated transversely to the delivery path under the action of a press to fasten said nut to a sheet metal member, wherein means is provided to manually reciprocate the pressing die independently of the press.

2. (Once Amended) A feed head as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for reciprocating the die manually is a cam which bears on a surface coupled to the die, and is manually rotated to move the die against the force of a return spring.

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pub 3 (New) A feed head for installing nuts in a sheet metal member, the feed head comprising:

a pressing station at one end;

a delivery path leading to the pressing station and along which nuts are fed to the pressing station,

the pressing station including a pressing die which is reciprocable transversely of the delivery path under the action of a press and a return spring to move a nut from the delivery path on to said sheet metal member and press the nut into engagement with the sheet metal member to fasten the nut thereto; and

a manually rotatable cam,

the cam being accessible from another end of the feed head distal of the pressing station and manually rotatable by means of a tool engageable with the cam by an operator.

the cam bearing on a surface coupled to the pressing die such that the rotation of the cam moves the pressing die against the force of the return spring thereby to manually reciprocate the pressing die.

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8. (New) A feed head, comprising:

a pressing station including a pressing die;

a delivery path including an inlet end and along which nuts are fed from the inlet end to the pressing station;

an electrically operated sensor for sensing the position of a nut in the feed head and a first electrical connector positioned on the feed head adjacent the delivery path inlet end for outputting signals from the sensor;

AB a delivery tube for delivering nuts to the inlet end of the delivery path, an outlet end of the delivery tube being removably coupled to the inlet end of the delivery path; and

electrical wiring for feeding electrical signals from the electrical connector to an external apparatus, the electrical wiring being terminated in a second electrical connector which is removably mateable with the first electrical connector,

wherein the delivery tube outlet end and the second electrical connector are integrated for an operator to simultaneously couple the delivery tube outlet and the second electrical connector with the delivery path inlet end and the first electrical connector respectively.

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